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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR EB XF XA
SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: GOM ATTENDING OAU/ARAB LEAGUE
SUMMIT IN CAIRO

REF: STATE 046135

1. THE GOM ENDED SPECULATION OVER WHETHER, AND AT WHAT LEVEL, IT
WOULD ATTEND CAIRO SUMMIT BY ANNOUNCING THE MARCH 6 DEPARTURE OF
A DELEGATION LED BY PRIMIN AHMED OSMAN, ACCCOMPANIED BY FONMIN
LARAKI. THE WHETHER HAD BEEN RAISED BY THE GOM'S
FEBRUARY 25 SUSPENSION OF ITS PARTICIPATION IN OAU ACTIVITIES OVER
ACCUSATIONS AT LOYE OF ITS INVOLVEMENT IN RECENTL BENIN
COUP ATTEMPT (RABAT 1050 NOTAL. THE QUESTION OF LEVEL OF
REPRESENTATION AROSE FROM SPECULATION OVER KING
HASSAN'S POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE (RABAT 802 NOTAL).

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2. THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE MOROCCAN DECISION CAME AT THE VERY
LAST MOMENT. THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE
HAD DELIVERED A MESSAGE TO LARAKI FROM FAHMY ON MARCH 2, EXPRESSING
GOE'S HOPE THAT THE GOM WOULD BE PRESENT, SO AS NOT TO LEAVE
THE FIELD OPEN TO ALGERIA ON THE SAHARA ISSUE. EGYPTIAN AMB HAD
RECEIVED NO ANSWER.

3. COMMENT: ACTING FONMIN CHERKAOUI TOLD AMBASSADOR MARCH 7
THAT MOROCCANS HAD NEVER CONTEMPLATED ABSENTING THEMSELVES FROM
CAIRO SUMMIT, AS THEY CONSIDERED IT A DIFFERENT FORUM FROM AOU.
HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE GOM'S TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL FROM OAU
AT LOYE OVER BENIN ISSUE, WE BELIEVE KING HASSAN MIGHT WELL
HAVE ATTENDED, AS MARK OF SUPPORT FOR HIS VERY CLOSE FRIEND,
PRESIDENT SADA . KING'S SENDING OF PRIME MINISTER OSMAN WAS NO
DOUBT CONCEIVED AS A POSITIVE GESTURE TOWARD SADAT. IN ADDITION,
THE OSMAN MISSION REFLECTS GOM REALIZATION THAT IT NEEDS TO
BE IN A POSITION TO DEFEND ITSELF SHOULD THE SAHARA OR THE
TICKLISH BENIN ISSUE ARISE. MOROCCANS WILL THUS ALSO BE ON HAND
FOR ANY CORRIDOR DISCUSSIONS ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORT, IN
WHICH KING HASSAN CLEARLY WISHES TO REMAIN ACTIVELY INVOLVED.

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